

# Environmental waste disposal contracts awarded

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## Small businesses selected for environmental work at LANL

Three small businesses with offices in Northern New Mexico were awarded contracts under a master task order agreement for services related to the transportation and disposal of hazardous and radioactive waste. The companies are

- ARS Cavanagh Environmental Services, LLC
- Portage, Inc.
- Navarro Research & Engineering, Inc.

Individual tasks include such activities as preparing waste containers for shipment, loading the containers onto trucks, transporting them to disposal locations, and ensuring that shipments comply with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

Under the agreement, the Laboratory will either assign work to the three prequalified companies or will ask the companies to bid on tasks.

Waste materials at the Laboratory include soil removed from cleanup sites such as canyons or landfills, debris from the demolition of old buildings, and chemical or other hazardous wastes. Some of these materials may include trace or low levels of radioactive material. Waste materials also include transuranic waste generated from national security missions.

Andy Baumer, program manager for the Environmental Programs Waste Projects and Services organization at the Laboratory, noted that the companies have the knowledge and experience to safely treat, package, and transport the waste for disposal in accordance with approved permits and other requirements. "These companies have the demonstrated safety records and expertise to meet stringent federal requirements for treating and disposing of the waste," he said. "They will be valuable partners in the Lab's ability to dispose of the waste safely and efficiently."

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